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EducationUSA Holds Pre-Departure Orientation for U.S.-Bound Students

On June 3, the U.S. Embassy's academic advising service, EducationUSA, hosted a pre-departure orientation for students in Brunei Darussalam who will attend universities in the United States this August. The event was held at The Collective Makerspace in Gadong.

The orientation was held to prepare and advise students and parents on what to expect while studying in the United States, while providing guidance on student visa regulations as well travel and arrival tips. Students, parents, school counselors, alumni members, and representatives from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and scholarship-giving bodies attended the orientation.

The event featured a panel discussion with students who recently completed their degrees in the United States. Also participating were American university students from James Madison University (JMU), in the U.S. state of Virginia, and Dr. David S. McLeod, an Assistant Professor in the JMU Department of Biology. The group from James Madison University, which is currently visiting Brunei, offered local students the chance to hear about college life in the United States.

As the host of the Pre-Departure Orientation, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Edward Findlay said that "On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in Brunei Darussalam, I would like to congratulate all of the students here who were accepted into the universities of their choice in the United States. Through the international education that you will receive, you will learn valuable lessons in global citizenship and will contribute not only to your own futures, you will also help forge stronger ties between Brunei Darussalam and the United States."

Students from Brunei Darussalam will be pursuing their higher education at a variety of outstanding U.S. institutions, including Cornell University, The University of Rochester, New York University, Pepperdine University, Purdue University, The Culinary Institute of America, and Berklee College of Music, among other institutes of higher learning.

For more information about higher education opportunities in the United States, please contact the U.S. Embassy's EducationUSA Advisor, Mayra Robles at RoblesMT@state.gov.

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